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## **CLAIMS**

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions and listings of claims in the application:

- 1. (Original) An isolated polynucleotide comprising SEQ ID NO:1 wherein the nucleic acid at 1792 is A or C.
- (Previously presented) An isolated polynucleotide comprising a nucleic acid that
  encodes a polypeptide comprising SEQ ID NO:2, wherein the amino acid 598 is Thr or
  Pro.
- 3. (Canceled) .
- 4. (Canceled)
- 5. (Currently amended) An isolated polynucleotide comprising a molecule selected from the group consisting of:
  - A polynucleotide that encodes a polypeptide comprising amino acid residues
     384-687 of SEQ ID NO:2, wherein the amino acid at 598 is Thr or Pro;
  - b) A polynucleotide that encodes a polypeptide comprising amino acid residues 379-687 of SEQ ID NO:2, wherein the amino acid at 598 is Thr or Pro;
  - A polynucleotide that encodes a polypeptide comprising amino acid residues
     389 685 of SEO ID NO:4;
  - A polynucleotide that encodes a polypeptide comprising amino acid-recidues 379 685 of SEQ ID NO:4;
  - ele) A polynucleotide that encodes a polypeptide comprising amino acid residues 449-687 of SEQ ID NO:2, wherein the amino acid at 598 is Pro or Thr:
  - f) A polynucleotide that encodes a polypeptide comprising amino acid
    ——residues 449-685 of SEQ ID NO:4;
  - <u>a)d)</u> A polynucleotide that encodes a fragment of a polypeptide described in (a-[[f]]c), wherein the fragment interacts with an IL-1R signal transduction factor:
  - An isolated nucleic acid molecule that hybridizes to either strand of a denatured, double-stranded DNA comprising the polynucleotide of any one of [[e-g]]c under conditions of moderate stringency in 50% formamide and 6XSSC, at 42°C with washing conditions of 60°C, 0.5XSSC, 0.1% SDS; wherein the isolated nucleic acid encodes a polypeptide that interacts with an IL-1R signal transduction factor;

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- An isolated nucleic acid molecule that encodes a polypeptide that is at least 85% identical to the polypeptides described in a) a), b), c), wherein the polypeptide interacts with an IL-1R signal transduction factor;
- j)g) A polynucleotide that is degenerate to any of the polynucleotides of a) i)a), b), c), e),f).
- 6. (Original) An expression vector comprising a polynucleotide of claim 5.
- (Original) An expression vector comprising a polynucleotide that encodes a
  polypeptide comprising SEQ ID NO:2, wherein the amino acid residue at 598 is Pro or
  Thr.
- 8. (Canceled)
- 9. (Previously presented) A host cell comprising the vector of claim 6.
- 10. (Original) A process of preparing a polypeptide, the process comprising culturing a host cell of claim 9 under conditions promoting expression of the polypeptide.
- 11. (Original) A process of preparing a polypeptide, the process comprising culturing a host cell transformed with a vector of claim 7 under conditions promoting expression of the polypeptide.
- 12. (Canceled)
- 13. (Canceled)
- 14. (Canceled)